UNIT 5 MODALS (DEGREES OF CERTAINTY)

a- Use modals to express degrees of certanty. Use them to speculate based on logic and facts.

b- Not use modals if you are not sure about a fact.

Speculation about the past

Almost certainty:
Must (not) have, had to have, can't have and couldn't have

Less certainty:
May (not) have, might (not) have and could have

EXAMPL

Almost certainty:
-They must have taken the exam.
Less certainty:
-She may have traveled with her father

Speculation about the present

Almost certainty: Must, have to, have got to, can't, culdn't and must not. (Do not contract mustn't)

Less certainty: May, might, could, may not and might not. (Do not contract mayn't or mightn't)

EXAMP

Almost certainty:
-That has to be the answer to the question.
Less certainty:
-That could be the correct

Speculation about the future

Almost certainty:
Shall

Less certainty:
May, might, could. For a negative meanig use noto r never.

EXAMPL

Almost certainty:
-We ought to have a solution son.
Less certainty:
-She might finish it's